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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A communication apparatus capable of facsimile communication through the Internet by dial-up connection, comprising:

Internet communication execution means for establishing a dial-up connection from a station A to an Internet service provider to execute communication with a station B having a TCP/IP address through the Internet; and

notification means for calling the station B from the station A, when the dial-up connection is established, notifying the station B via the PSTN that a facsimile has been sent through the Internet and description information transmitted through the Internet, prior to the station B accessing the Internet; and

control means for, when the number of pages of the facsimile information to be transmitted from the station A to the station B through the Internet is not more than a predetermined value, transmitting the facsimile information from the station A to the station B through a general public network without performing communication by said Internet communication execution means and

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notification operation by said notification means.

Claim 13 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the description information is summarized text representing a summary of facsimile communication.

Claim 14 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the description information is information of a first page of facsimile information transmitted through the Internet.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said notification means further transmits a number of pages of facsimile information transmitted through the Internet and a communication time.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

selection means for selecting, as the description information to be transmitted, either summarized text representing a summary of facsimile communication or information of a first page of facsimile information transmitted through the Internet.

Claim 17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A control method for a communication apparatus capable of facsimile communication through the Internet by dial-up connection, comprising:

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establishing a dial-up connection from a station A to an Internet service provider to execute communication with a station B having a TCP/IP address through the Internet; and calling the station B from the station A, when the dial-up connection is established, notifying the station B via the PSTN that a facsimile has been sent through the Internet and description information of the facsimile sent through the Internet, prior to the station B accessing the Internet; and

transmitting the facsimile information from the station A to the station B through a general public network without performing communication through the Internet when a number of pages of facsimile information to be transmitted from the station A to the station B through the Internet is not more than a predetermined value.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for controlling a communication apparatus capable of facsimile communication through the Internet by dial-up connection, comprising:

a procedure code for establishing a dial-up connection from a station A to an Internet service provider to execute communication with a station B having a TCP/IP address through the Internet; [and]

a procedure code for calling the station B from the station A, when the dial-up connection is established, notifying the station B via the PSTN that a facsimile has been sent through the Internet and description information of the facsimile sent through the Internet, prior to the station B accessing the Internet; and

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a procedure code for, when a number of pages of facsimile information to be

transmitted from the station A to the station B through the Internet is not more than a

predetermined value, transmitting the facsimile information from the station A to the station B

through a general public network without performing communication through the Internet.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A communication apparatus comprising: transmission means for transmitting facsimile data via the Internet; and notification means for notifying a recipient, via the PSTN by a method different from that of the transmission means, that the transmission means has already sent the facsimile data to the recipient via the Internet, prior to the recipient accessing the Internet; and

control means for, when the number of pages of the facsimile data to be transmitted by said transmission means through the Internet is not more than a predetermined value, transmitting the facsimile data through a general public network without performing transmission by said transmission means and notification operation by said notification means.

Claim 21 (Canceled)

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A communication apparatus comprising: first means for sending facsimile data over a first communication network to a recipient; second means for sending data over a second communication network to the recipient; third means for controlling the first means and the second means;

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wherein the third means controls the second means so as to send data corresponding to the sending operation of the first means, and

wherein the sending operation of the second means indicates that the first means has already sent the facsimile data over the first communication network to the recipient, prior to the recipient accessing said second communication network; and

wherein when the number of pages of the facsimile data to be transmitted by said first means through the Internet is not more than a predetermined value, said third means causes said first means not to send facsimile data over the first communication network to a recipient.

Claim 23 (Original): A communication apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said first communication network is a facsimile communication network.

Claim 24 (Original): A communication apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said second communication network is telephone network.

Claim 25 (Original): A communication apparatus according to claim 22, data sent by said second means is a part of data sent by said first means.